

Their Wedding Silence.

(Original.)

This story was told to me by a crusty bachelor.

"Listen to this, Alec," and Mabel Burnet read: "In Korea during the whole marriage day the bride must be mute. If she says a word she becomes an object of ridicule. It may be a week or even a month before her husband hears the sound of her voice. Singular custom, isn't it? How would you like to adopt it when we are married?"

Her father and mother were sitting near, the father reading his paper, the mother sewing. The latter said: "That reminds me of the night we became engaged. Do you remember I made you wait a long while for your answer? I kept you a whole hour without giving you a word."

"Happy day!" observed the husband dryly and without lowering his paper. A smile passed over his wife's face, and a tender light shone in her daughter's eyes. As for Alec, he cast a suspicious glance at his prospective father-in-law.

Nothing would do for Mabel but to introduce the Korean custom at her wedding. On account of the recent death of an aunt who had made her life miserable, but had left her \$10,000, the ceremony was to include only the family. Alec protested against the introduction of a custom taken from a degenerate eastern race, but Mr. Burnet's remark, "Happy day!" had fastened the idea upon Mabel, and it could not be removed.

On the day of the wedding the bride did not speak from the moment of her awakening. After the ceremony she kissed the family all round, but spoke never a word. All agreed that her silence added a solemn charm to the most impressive occasion in a woman's life.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hicks started immediately after a wedding breakfast (at which the bride sat mute) on their wedding journey. As they rolled along in a parlor coach the young husband remarked upon the presents they had received, the interest taken in their marriage, the concourse of people who would gladly have been present had not the ceremony been private. His wife listened, but spoke not. Then he directed her attention to passing objects. There was a happy, dreamy look on her face, but she uttered no word. They dined in a buffet car; but, though there was a bottle of wine, her tongue was not loosed. After dinner Alec surprised her by telling her that he was going into the smoking room for an after dinner cigar. Half an hour was enough for the cigar, but he took an hour. When he returned she received him with a lowering brow.

"How long," he asked her coldly, "is this beautiful Korean custom to be kept up?"

She made no reply, but inwardly resolved that it should be kept up until he learned not to leave her for a whole hour on the evening of their marriage for a nasty cigar.

Meanwhile there was much talk among the women left behind in commendation of the custom introduced at the Hicks wedding. One elderly spinster of practical views declared that since men were forever commenting on women not being able to hold their tongues perhaps one man would get all he wanted of woman's silence. Many young girls said that they would adopt it at their own wedding. A few feminine gossips dissented, considering it a shame that a man might say what he pleased to his wife without retort. No such silence for them. The matter brought about a number of marital differences where husbands took occasion to sneer at their wives under cover of this Korean custom. Great interest centered in how long the silence of Mrs. Hicks was to endure. The sneering husbands declared that the second hand to a watch would not divide time delicately enough to measure her silence after the first sign of independence on the part of her husband. Other cynical men said the whole affair was paradoxical, for instead of a wife muzzling herself her first act after marriage was to muzzle her husband. One woman forgot herself so far as to remark, "How can she get him under"—but checked herself.

The wedding trip was to cover the honeymoon, but it lasted only three days, when the bride and groom returned, and, instead of going to the house that had been prepared for them, the bride went to her mother and the groom to bachelor quarters.

"For heaven's sake, what's the matter?" cried the mother as her daughter fell on her neck weeping.

"He's a brute."

"What has he done?"

"We hadn't been gone half a day before he ceased to say a word to me."

"But you didn't say a word to him, did you?"

"No."

"Is this all the complaint you have to make of him?"

"Yes."

"Foolish child! You have a model husband. Would that your father were such a man! He could never have kept silence for a single day—no, not for twelve hours! Alec must be a wonder. Think of possessing a husband who is able to hold his tongue indefinitely and let his wife do all the talking!"

The good lady sent for her son-in-law at once, and the quarrel was made up. Alec Hicks is now a middle aged man. He is deaf in one ear. He says he finds it very convenient. When his wife talks to him, as she frequently does while he is in bed and she is do-

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CHARMS FOR LUCK.

The Sort of Superstitions Some Wall Street Men Harbor.

Let all the dear readers, feminine gender, take cognizance of what follows, for surely the fairer sex is, after all, the stronger sex. Women know no such abject obedience to superstitious fears and signs as do the men. With a view to eliciting something of interest, the writer had a chance to put a certain question to a captain of industry. "Tut, tut," he replied suspiciously, "you'd be getting me into trouble, would you?" With a promise that no names would be mentioned, he finally agreed to tell a thing or two.

The question was, "Aren't men in Wall street carrying all sorts of queer things to try to change their luck?" In answer to this the writer heard some curious stories. One man of worldwide fame, for example, carries a cane in the center of which there is a slender steel rod. Circling the rod there are rings made of leather and of hard rubber, like the washers that plumbers use. Each seventh ring is made of leather from the soles of the shoes worn by the billionaire during what he considered his luckiest year. Elephants and pigs as lucky charms there are of course in plenty, but the proper caper is to wear the animal pined inside on the watch fob pocket. Then there is another great financier who carries with him a gold ink well and would never sign a document with fluid from another receptacle. Once upon a time, when he had, say, only a playmate million or two, he signed a paper in a deal that doubled, then tripled, his wealth. The ink used that day was emptied into a long gold tube or well that he now carries. The ink was used up, but to the well, so he thinks, the good luck power has been translated. Lucky coins pass from father to son in several of the multimillionaire families, and the man who inherits them would never be without them. We have few secret drawers in desks or doors in houses, as they had in olden times, but there are many secret pockets in the suits made by smart tailors.—Brooklyn Life.

A GRATEFUL GUEST.

The Reward She Bestowed Upon Those Who Entertained Her.

"Human nature is a queer thing," said the philosopher.

"Not long ago some friends of mine got badly down on their luck. Times were so hard for them that they scarcely knew which way to turn for the necessities of life.

"At that most inopportune time they received word from a woman friend of theirs that she was coming to visit them for a few days. They were dismayed, but by the exercise of great ingenuity and by depriving themselves to almost the vanishing point they managed to entertain her and really to set before her most excellent meals.

"After she left their affairs continued to grow even worse, if possible, and while they kept up a brave front I was near enough to them so I couldn't help knowing all about it, though they were not aware that I saw the situation.

"I thought it was time some of their friends came to the rescue if a suitable way could be devised, so I wrote the woman who had been their guest—being slightly acquainted with her myself—told her I would head the procession, would like her aid and would be glad of any suggestions she could make as to a practical plan for helping our old friends without hurting their proper pride.

"Her reply gave me something to think about for many a day. She said she didn't care to help them, as they already lived too well and set too expensive a table; that when she had visited them they had a great deal more to eat than was necessary and that they must be very extravagant people; that it was undoubtedly their own fault they were in such trouble and that it would probably teach them to be more economical in future!"—New York Press.

An Inconsiderate System.

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"How tiresome!" exclaimed the s. y. t. "They ought to have express trains at every station!"—New York Press.

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How Sims Reeves Turned the Tables on One of His Admirers.

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Reeves was very good natured about the matter, but he made it a rule never to sing more than one selection when he felt that his voice was not in first class shape. He happened to notice that an elderly man, who turned out to be a dealer in hats along the Strand, London, attended nearly every concert within convenient distance if Sims Reeves happened to be on the bill and generally led the encore brigade. This latter was a persistent person and often applauded until he had forced Reeves to respond to double and triple encores.

Determined to teach the little hatter a lesson, one afternoon just as dark was approaching Reeves entered his admirer's store and said, "One hat, please," naming the particular shape which he desired. The little hatter didn't recognize the great tenor and handed out one hat.

"Good," said Reeves. "How much is this hat?"

"Five shillings," said the store proprietor.

"Encore," said Reeves. A second hat was forthcoming, and Reeves ultimately obtained three "encore" hats. When the little hatter demanded £1 sterling for the purchases Reeves pretended to be furious.

"Send these four hats to this address," ordered the tenor in terrible tone, "but I only pay for one hat. Do you understand? The three other hats are 'encore' hats. If you make me sing songs for nothing you must send me hats for nothing."

The little hatter was speechless.—Portland Oregonian.

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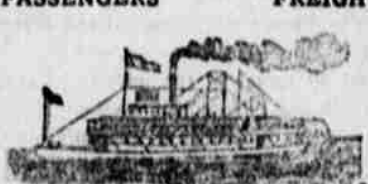
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